IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the three paragraphs starting on page 6, line 10 and ending on page 7, line 11 of the specification (description of Figures 2A–C, 3A–C, and 4A-C) with the following paragraphs:

Figures 2A-C. Figure 2A is a schematic representation of the constructs expressing p27 and TK. Figure 2B is a histogram demonstrating the DNA profile of 293 cells transfected with the above-described plasmids and a CD2-expressing plasmid. All the CD-2 expressing cells are included in the analysis. The fraction of cells in each phase of the cell cycle is indicated above the corresponding peak. The percentages of CD-2-positive cells are indicated in the upper right corner of each graph to illustrate the variability in transfection efficiency. Figure 2C is a graph showing the growth of 293 cells transfected with the above-described plasmids in the presence or in the absence of 5 μM GCV. Proliferation was measured using a colorimetric assay. Data is the average of 3 measurements.

Figures 3 A-C Figure 3A is a schematic representation of the constructs expressing p27 and TK. Figure 3B is a histogram demonstrating the DNA profile of 293 cells transfected with the above-described plasmids and a CD2-expressing plasmid. The fraction of cells in G1 phase of the cell cycle is indicated above the corresponding peak. The percentages of CD-2-positive cells are indicated the upper right corner of each graph to illustrate the variability in transfection efficiency. All values are the average of two experiments. Figure 3C demonstrates the bystander assay. Renca cells were transfected with the various plasmids and diluted with untransfected cells. Addition of 5 μ M GCV to